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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Rainer Zimmerman et al.
Serial No. : 09/265,606
Filed : March 10, 1999
For : ISOLATED DIMERIC FIBROBLAST ACTIVATION
PROTEIN ALPHA, AND USES THEREOF
Group Art Unit : 1631
Examiner : M. Moran

January 16, 2002

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STATUS REQUEST

Sir:

Applicants filed their response after final rejection in this case on July 17, 2001.

On July 27, the examiner in charge of the case called to indicate that the application was allowable. Later that day, she called to indicate that it was not. She also indicated that a new office action would issue in approximately two weeks.

On September 25, applicants sent a telefax, indicating that they had not received any office action, and that the examiner indicated that "other matters" had precluded transmittal of the action.

On October 3, the examiner mailed an Examiner Interview Summary sheet.

That is the last item received in this case.

The delays in prosecution are not reasonable. Applicants are entitled to a complete explanation for the delay, as well as an office action. The application has been pending for nearly

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3 years. It has been nearly six months since applicants filed a response which the examiner did receive.

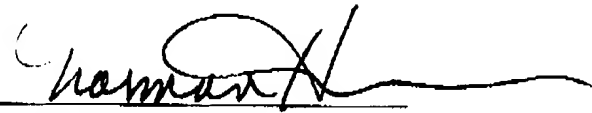
Why is there such an extensive, unreasonable delay.

Action in this case is called for.

Respectfully submitted,

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